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# H. R. 1616

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2003

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Martin Luther King,  
5       Junior, National Historic Site Land Exchange Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Public Law 96–438 established the Martin  
2       Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site, and al-  
3       lows acquisition, by donation only, of lands owned by  
4       the State.

5           (2) The National Park Service owns a vacant  
6       lot that has no historic significance. The City of At-  
7       lanta has expressed interest in acquiring this prop-  
8       erty to encourage commercial development along  
9       Edgewood Avenue.

10          (3) The National Historic Site Visitor Center  
11       and Museum is land-locked and has no emergency  
12       ingress or egress, making it virtually impossible for  
13       firefighting equipment to reach.

14          (4) The acquisition of city-owned property  
15       would enable the National Park Service to establish  
16       easy street access to the National Historic Site Vis-  
17       itor Center and Museum, and would benefit the City  
18       by exchanging a piece of property that the City  
19       could develop.

20       (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to author-  
21       ize the exchange of certain lands within the Martin Luther  
22       King, Junior, National Historic Site for lands owned by  
23       the City of Atlanta, Georgia.

1   **SEC. 3. LAND EXCHANGE.**

2           Section 2(b)(1) of the Act of October 10, 1980 (Pub-  
3   lic Law 96–428; 94 Stat. 1839; 16 U.S.C. 461 note) is  
4   amended by striking the period and inserting “or ex-  
5   change.”.

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